



## **MEDICALLY COMPLEX CHILDREN'S WAIVER**

### **Renewal Executive Summary, April 2018**

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#### **Introduction**

Utah's 1915 (c) Medicaid Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Medically Complex Children's Waiver (MCCW Waiver) expires September 30, 2018. In order to continue operations of this waiver, the Department of Health acting as the State Medicaid Agency (SMA) must submit a waiver renewal application to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) by July 1st, 2018.

The SMA is the single state agency that retains administrative authority of the MCCW Waiver. This waiver provides the day-to-day administrative activities for Medically Complex Children.

#### **Drafting Process**

The SMA together with a workgroup are preparing an initial draft of the waiver renewal currently. The workgroup is comprised of the families of participants, advocates, providers and State staff from the SMA was then convened to review the initial draft and provide input. A final draft will be created as a result of the feedback provided. We anticipate a public comment period beginning May 17th.

#### **Public Input**

Initial public input was sought by utilizing the workgroup process described above as well as additional public input in the following ways:

- Presenting to the following groups: Medical Care Advisory Committee (MCAC) in April 2018; and Utah Indian Health Advisory Board (UIHAB) in April 2018.
- Posting the draft online and providing a 30-day public comment period. Notification of public comment will also be completed in the newspaper.
- Reviewing and responding to comments after the 30-day public comment period and making decisions about further amending the waiver to incorporate additional comments received.

The final draft will be completed by mid-June. Final review, approval and submission of the waiver application will be completed by the State Medicaid Director.

## Overview of Proposed Changes

- Eligibility Targeting Criteria
  - Determining a mechanism for initial and annual eligibility determination, this includes establishing a minimum Medical score. (see Appendix B)
  - Determining a mechanism for evaluating Nursing Facility Level of Care by assessing the ability of the participant to perform age Activities of Daily Living. (see Appendix B)
  - Develop a transition plan for children that no longer meet waiver eligibility and Level of Care. (see Attachment #1 Transition Plan)
- Service Modifications
  - Additional providers to furnish Routine Respite services. (see Appendix C)
- Quality Improvement
  - Quality Improvement performance measure have been revised to better align with waiver Assurances and Sub-Assurances. (throughout document)
  - The description of the grievance/complaint system has been updated to reflect current systems and processes. (throughout document)

Questions and comments about the draft waiver application are welcome and can be submitted to:

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